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CARL CASSELL: Admiral Bobby Inman, the number two man at the Central Intelligence Agency, has quit. Many in Washington are trying to figure out why.

There are reports that the four-star Admiral may have been pushed out, or decided to resign because his work will soon be questioned. Barry Schweid has a report.

BARRY SCHWEID: According to some sources, Inman was unhappy with the White House's decision to review some intelligence operations, especially the way the United States checked up on Soviet missile tests. But there was no public sign of discord.

In an exchange of letters, President Reagan accepted Inman's resignation with deep regret. At the CIA and in Congress, the Admiral was highly regarded as a top-notch professional. He is credited by liberals and moderates with helping to tone down Administration moves to involve the CIA in domestic surveillance.

For National Public Radio, this Barry Schweid in Washington.

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